(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता। महोदय, जैसा कि उपर्युक्त (क) में बताया गया है, दिनांक 7 अक्तूबर, 1997 की अधिसूचना का०आ० 714 (अ) के साथ-साथ वित्त अधिनियम, 1997 द्वारा औद्योगिक रूप से पिछड़े जिलों के लिए सुविधा प्रदान की गई थी।

**Loans Extended by Banks under IRDP**

2989. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of loans extended by different public sector banks all over the country under the Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) during the last five years; and

(b) the details thereof State-wise and public sector bank-wise, break-up thereof year-wise alongwith the amount of loan recovered so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI R. JANARTHANAN): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Application form in MARATHI by Banks in Maharashtra**

2990. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the public sector banks have brought out simplified application forms in Marathi language to ensure enhanced flow of credit to agriculture sector in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) which are the banks which have not brought out the forms in Marathi; and

(d) the action being taken by Government to ensure that farmers of Maharashtra are given forms in Marathi to take loans from the banks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI R. JANARTHANAN): (a) to (d) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that based on the recommendations of Baldev Singh Committee they have issued guidelines on 16.3.1984 to all scheduled Commercial banks for advances to the priority sector that the application forms for agricultural credit should be made available in regional language. RBI has reiterated these instructions while issuing revised guidelines to banks in April, 1997. Based on the information collected from the State Bank of India and nationalised Banks, it is reported that a majority of banks having rural branches have brought out simplified application forms in Marathi language to ensure flow of credit to agriculture sector in Maharashtra State. Three banks (namely Oriental Bank of Commerce, Punjab & Sind Bank and Corporation Bank) which do not have rural network in Maharashtra, have standardised all the forms bilingually i.e. English/Hindi only.

**Decline in Value of Rupee**

2991. SHRI JIBON ROY:
SHRI C.O. POULOSE:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the value of rupee has declined since 1990 after the introduction of reforms;

(b) the year-wise details of the decline in the value of rupee; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to further check the reduction in the value of rupee?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA): (a) and (b) The year-wise details of the value of rupees with 1990 as the base is listed below:

| Year | Value of Rupees in Paise based on 1990 |
|---|---|
| 1990 | 100.00 |
| 1991 | 87.83 |
| 1992 | 78.57 |
| 1993 | 73.89 |
| 1994 | 67.22 |